

## House Resolution No. 879

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who are willing to intervene in life threatening situations in order to prevent harm to children; and

**Whereas**, Richard Behle of Hollister, Missouri, has attained considerable distinction as a school bus driver who earlier in life was a volunteer fireman; and

**Whereas**, on Valentine's Day, February 14, 2008, Richard Behle was taking students to their homes on school bus #8 when he noticed that a student stood up and then became unresponsive; and

**Whereas**, safely pulling the school bus over to the side of the road, Richard Behle left the driver's seat and went back to the young man, who appeared to be having trouble breathing; and

**Whereas**, Richard Behle astutely determined the likely reason and, utilizing his earlier training as a volunteer fireman, administered the Heimlich maneuver to expel the piece of candy that was blocking five-year-old Kenny Teter's throat; and

**Whereas**, Richard Behle's actions unblocked the young man's airway and restored his proper breathing; and

**Whereas**, Richard Behle then delivered Kenny Teter to his mom, who was waiting for him at home wondering why the bus was ten minutes late; and

**Whereas**, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives should pause in its diverse legislative actions in order to recognize such outstanding Show-Me State citizens as Richard Behle at momentous times in their lives:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the successful lifesaving efforts engaged in by Richard Behle on February 14, 2008, and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes for continued success in life for many more years to come; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Richard Behle of Hollister, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Dennis Wood  
District No. 62

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Representative Maynard Wallace  
District No. 143

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 879, adopted February 28, 2008.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker